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SUBJ: JOURNALIST VISITS TO DIEGO GARCIA

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH DEFENSE CINCPAC REQUEST FOR JOURNALIST VISITS TO DIEGO GARCIA, WITH DUE CONSIDERATION COLOMBO'S AND NEW DELHI'S VIEWS (REFTELS AND PREVIOUS). ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE JOURNALIST VISIT SHOULD NOW RPT NOW BE AUTHORIZED AND ARRANGED.

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2. IF BRITISH CONCUR IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT, WE WOULD ASK

CINCPAC TO SUBMIT PROPOSED SCENARIO INCLUDING SPECIFIC DATES FOR VISIT. FYI - PRECISE TIMING OF JOURNALIST VISIT MUST BE VERY RPT VERY CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH OTHER EVENTS WHICH MIGH BE SCHEDULED IN INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTH ASIAN AREA-END FYI.

3. WE PRESUME CINCPAC MAY HAVE TO ASK POOL COVERAGE ON VISIT, SINCE KNOWN REQUESTS FOR VISIT (INCLUDING TV CAMERA CREWS AND PROBABLE BRITISH MEDIA REPS) WILL EXCEED SPACE AVAILABLE ON LOGISTICAL SUPPLY FLIGHT FROM THAILAND. FYI-CURRENT OR PREVIOUSLY PENDING REQUESTS INCLUDE:

1. CARL MYDANS, READERS DIGEST, SINGAPORE
2. ROGER PETERSON, ABC-TV, BANGKOK
3. ROBERT KAYLOR, UPI, BANGKOK
4. PETER O'LOUGHLIN (AUSTRALIAN), AP, SINGAPORE
5. MICHAEL MORROW, FAR EAST ECON REVIEW, SINGAPORE
6. WILLIAM DRUMMOND, LOS ANGELES TIMES, NEW DELHI
7. ALLAN BRADFORD, ABC NEWS, NEW DELHI

4. WE OF COURSE WELCOME BRITISH MEDIA REPS IF SOME WISH TO JOIN IN VISIT. BUT DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE JOURNALISTS FROM SUCH LITTORAL COUNTRIES AS INDIA AND SRI LANKA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS FIRST EFFORT. KISSINGER

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